

D-354
Joseph E. Muse Office
Cambridge
c. 1848

The Joseph E. Muse office building is the oldest structure that survive in a row of nineteenth and twentieth century professional buildings that line Court Lane across Court Lane from the courthouse. Supported on a slightly raised foundation with a partially excavated cellar, the single-story frame office was erected in two stages with the northwestern three bays clearly dating to the mid nineteenth century. The rectangular frame structure, sheathed with plain weatherboards, was enlarged with a one-room plan office addition during the late nineteenth century. The building retains some of its original Greek Revival inspired woodwork as well as a couple of nine-over-six sash windows. The neoclassical entrance surrounds, with pilasters and pediments, date to the twentieth century.

The land record history of this lot traces back to the mid nineteenth century when the property was acquired by Joseph E. Muse in 1842, and sold close to a decade later to Josiah Bayly as an improved lot with a "one story housed having a basement room." The office and lot remained in the Muse and inter-related Bayly family until the second quarter of the twentieth century.

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. D-354

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Joseph E. Muse Office
other Muse-Bayly Office Building

2. Location

street and number 511 Court Lane not for publication
city, town Cambridge vicinity
county Dorchester

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owner)

name Beebe M. Winterbottom
street and number 101 Choptank Avenue telephone 410-376-0302
city, town Cambridge state Maryland zip code 21613

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Dorchester County Clerk of Court liber MLB 492 folio 964
city, town Cambridge tax map 301 tax parcel 5 tax ID number 7-168659

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<u>1</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<u> </u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<u> </u> structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<u> </u> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<u>1</u> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Joseph E. Muse Office building, located at 511 Court Lane, is a single-story, five-bay mid nineteenth century frame structure located across the street from the Dorchester County Courthouse in the center of Cambridge, Dorchester County, Maryland. The single-story, single-pile frame structure faces southwest with the gable roof oriented on a northwest/southeast axis. Supported on a common bond brick foundation with a partially excavated cellar, the timber frame structure was erected in two stages; beginning around 1850-60 with the northern three-bay section. The southern end of the rectangular office building was added during the late nineteenth century.

The southwest (main) façade is an asymmetrical elevation with two office entrances. To the north end is a three-bay section which constitutes the original structure. Originally served by an interior gable end brick chimney stack, the three-bay office was entered through an center entrance flanked by six-over-six sash windows hung with louvered shutters. The entrance is framed by a neoclassical surround with fluted pilasters and a triangular pediment. A paneled door is topped by a three-pane transom. The adjacent window openings are fitted with replacement sash, and the frames have a narrow beaded edge molding. Louvered shutters flank the windows and are held back by cast iron shell-motif shutter dogs. Piercing the foundation wall are six-over-three sash windows fronted by round cross-section metal security bars. Trimming the base of the asphalt shingle gable roof is a boxed cornice enhanced with bead and crown moldings typical of the third quarter of the nineteenth century. The adjacent two-bay section is accessed by means of a projecting brick stoop with a metal handrail. The paneled door is framed by a neoclassical surround with fluted pilasters and a triangular pediment. Piercing the wall directly south of the doorway is a replacement six-over-six sash window unit. The face of the front wall is sheathed with plain weatherboards, and the corners of the office are trimmed with beaded corner boards. Piercing the foundation wall to the left (south) of the entrance stoop is a small board door providing access to the crawl space under the addition.

The southeast gable end is two-bay across and the weatherboard sheathed wall is pierced by a pair of mid nineteenth century nine-over-six sash windows. The edge of the gable end is finished with an extended eave, enclosed soffits and returns at the base of the roof. The back of the building is defined by an asymmetrical fenestration with six-pane windows fixed high on the weatherboard wall surface. The wide exposure weatherboards have a slightly beveled bottom edge. The northeast wall of the addition is marked by a six-over-six sash window opening.

While not fully inspected, the interior of the original office is trimmed with a plain Greek Revival mantel that is attached to the southeast end location of the fireplace.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____

Specific dates

Architect/Builder

Construction dates

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

SIGNIFICANCE

The Joseph E. Muse office building is the oldest structure that survives in a row of nineteenth and twentieth century professional buildings that line Court Lane north of the Dorchester County Courthouse. Supported on slightly raised brick foundation with a partially excavated cellar, the single-story frame office was erected to two stages with the northwest three bays clearly dating to the mid nineteenth century. The rectangular frame structure, sheathed with plain weatherboards, was enlarged with a one-room plan addition during the late nineteenth century. The building retains some of its original Greek Revival inspired woodwork as well as a couple of nine-over-six sash windows. The neoclassical entrance pediments and fluted pilasters date to the twentieth century.

HISTORY AND SUPPORT

The land record history of this lot traces back to the mid nineteenth century when the property was acquired by Joseph E. Muse in 1842¹ and sold close to a decade later to Josiah Bayly as an improved lot with a "one-story house having a basement room."² The office and lot remained in Muse and inter-related Bayly family ownership until the second quarter of the twentieth century.³

¹ Dorchester County Land Record, ER 19/123, 22 August 1842, Dorchester County Courthouse.

² Dorchester County Land Record, WJ 5/27, 5 June 1849, Dorchester County Courthouse.

³ Dorchester County Land Record, JFD 33/156, 6 December 1935, Dorchester County Courthouse.

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Name Joseph E. Muse Office
Continuation Sheet

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Joseph E. Muse Office
511 Court Lane
Cambridge

Map 301, Parcel 5

Chain-of-title

MLB 492/964

Ruth M. Eglseder Alger
(formerly Ruth M. Eglseder)

to

8.29.2002

Beebe M. Winterbottom

PLC 238/619

Ruth M. Egleseder, Personal Representative of the Estate
of Edna W. Matthews, deceased (Dorchester County Estate No. 7656)

to

2.21.1986

Ruth M. Eglseder

Parcel No. 3: Lot 40' by 17' one-story, three-room office
building conveyed to Ira Y. Wheatley by Emerson
C. Harrington, et al. trustees

PLC 171/146

Edna Wheatley Matthews, Personal Representative of Ira Y. Wheatley

to

10.5.1971

Ira Y. Wheatley

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JFD 33/156

Emerson C. Harrington, et al. (W. Laird Henry, Walter B. Johnson)

to

12.6.1935

Ira Y. Wheatley

Decree of Circuit Court, 10.6.1934, Sadie H. Bayly and others
complainants and Delia B. Orem and others defendants—sold at
public auction

\$1030.00

JWF 1/346

Last Will and Testament of Dr. Alexander Hamilton Bayly

to, son,

Written
2.18.1892
Proved
3.18.1892

Edgar Bayly

FJH 6/450

Anne E. A. Muse, City of New Orleans, Louisiana

to, brother

6.31.1866

Dr. Alexander Hamilton Bayly

\$500 "all that lot or parcel of ground with the tenement
thereon situated on Market Street....adjoining and
binding with an office lot belonging to the said Dr.
Alexander Hamilton Bayly and a dwelling lot owned
by Mrs. Mary R. LeCompte

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FJH 2/80-81

Josiah Bayly

to

10.11.1852

Anne E. A. Muse

\$500 all that singular that one story House having also a basement story and all the ground upon which said House stands as also other ground that may be part and Parcel of said lot

WJ 5/27

Joseph E. Muse
Anne E. A. Muse

to

6.5.1849

Josiah Bayly

\$500 all that one story house having a basement room

WJ 4/377

Joseph E. Muse

to

10.6.1848

Joseph E. Muse, Jr.

\$1000 that House & small parcel of ground thereto attached, adjoining the residence of Samuel W. LeCompte and at present occupied by James A. Stewart as a law office situated lying and being on Market Street

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Dorchester County Land Records, various volumes, Dorchester County Courthouse

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property _____

Acreage of historical setting _____

Quadrangle name _____ Cambridge, Md. _____

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000 _____

Verbal boundary description and justification

The metes and bounds of this property are coincidental with the current boundary of the lot.

11. Form Prepared by

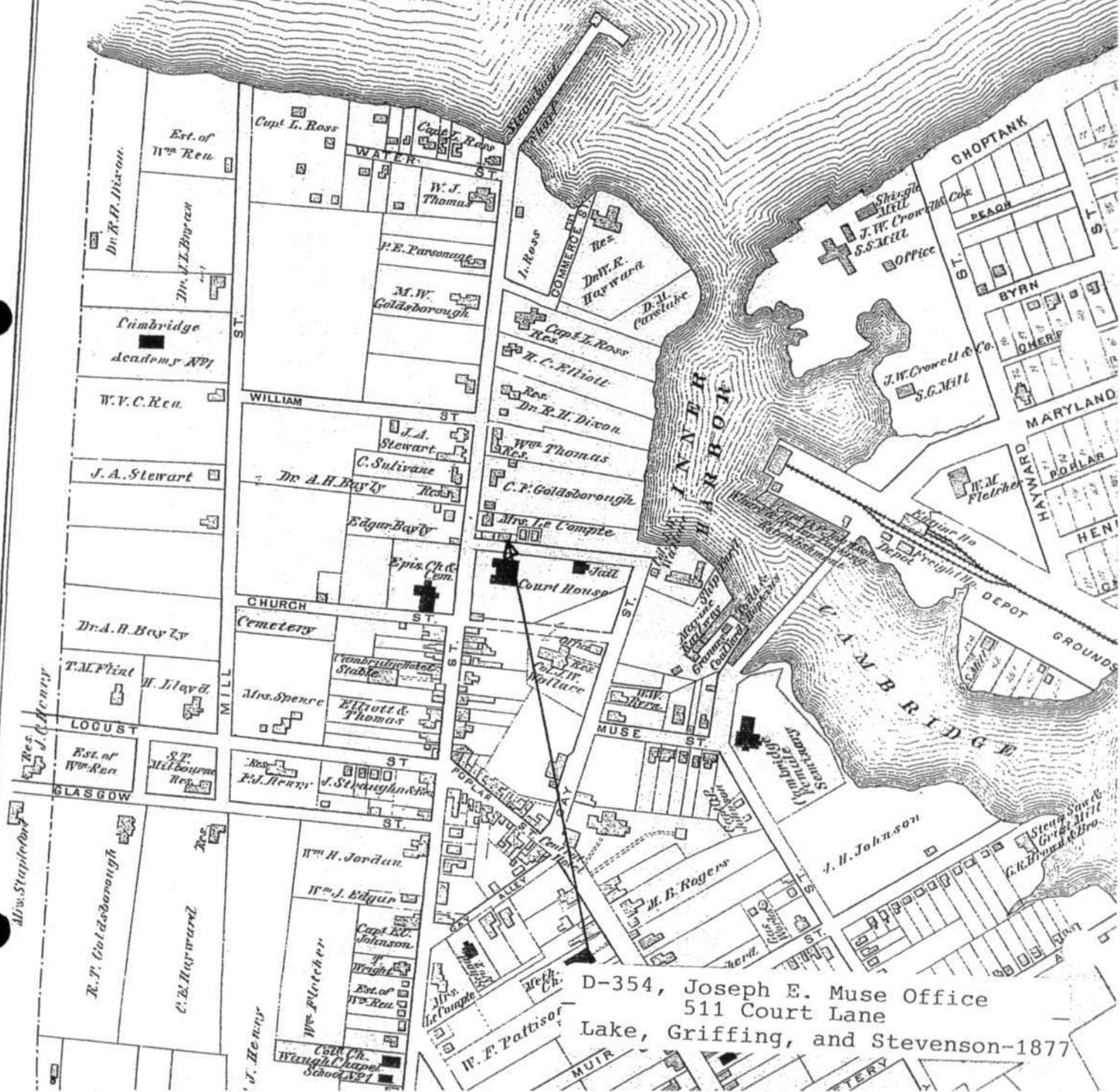
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organization	Chesapeake Country Heritage & Preservation	date	7/15/2008
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city or town	Westover	state	Maryland 21871

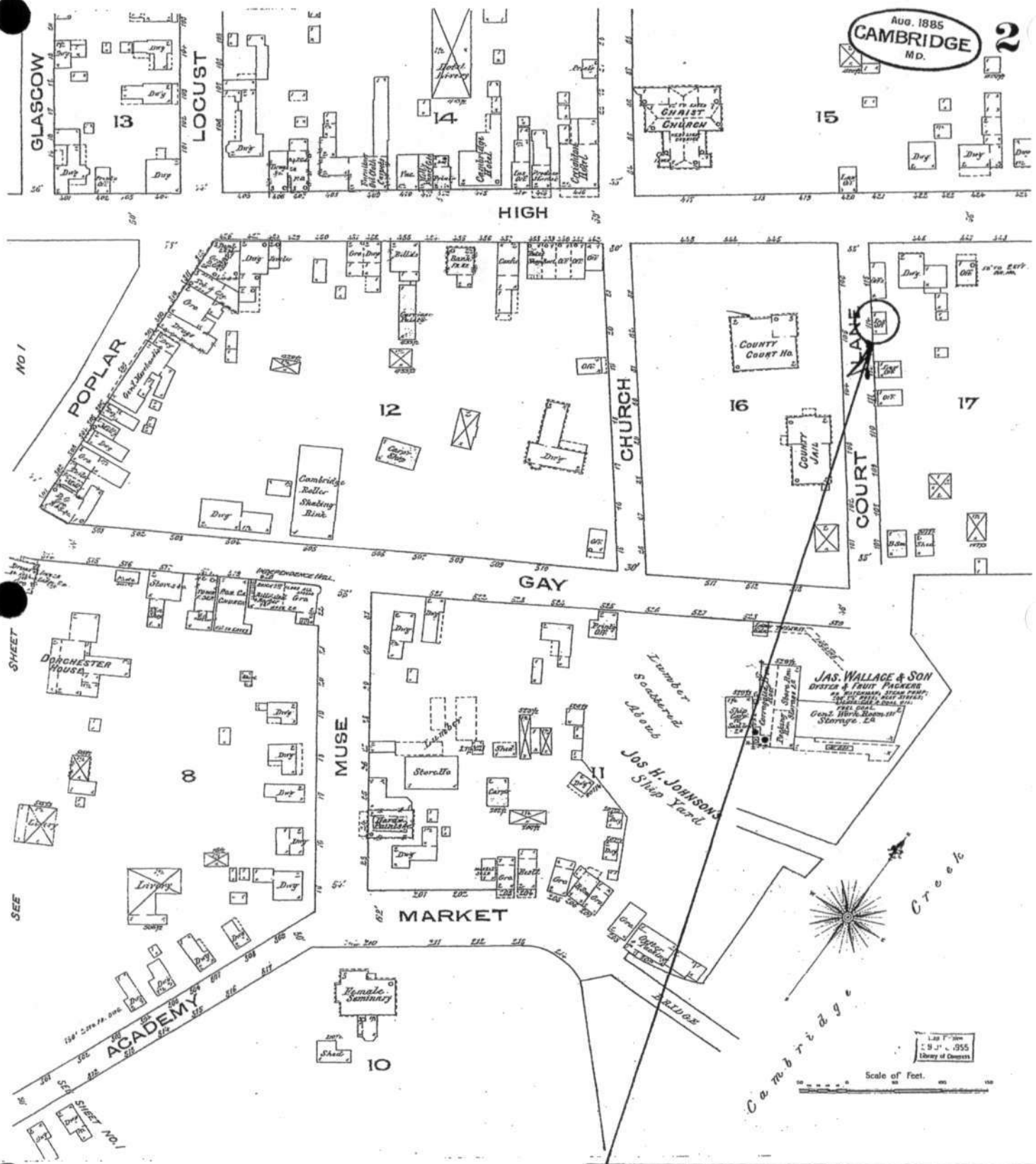
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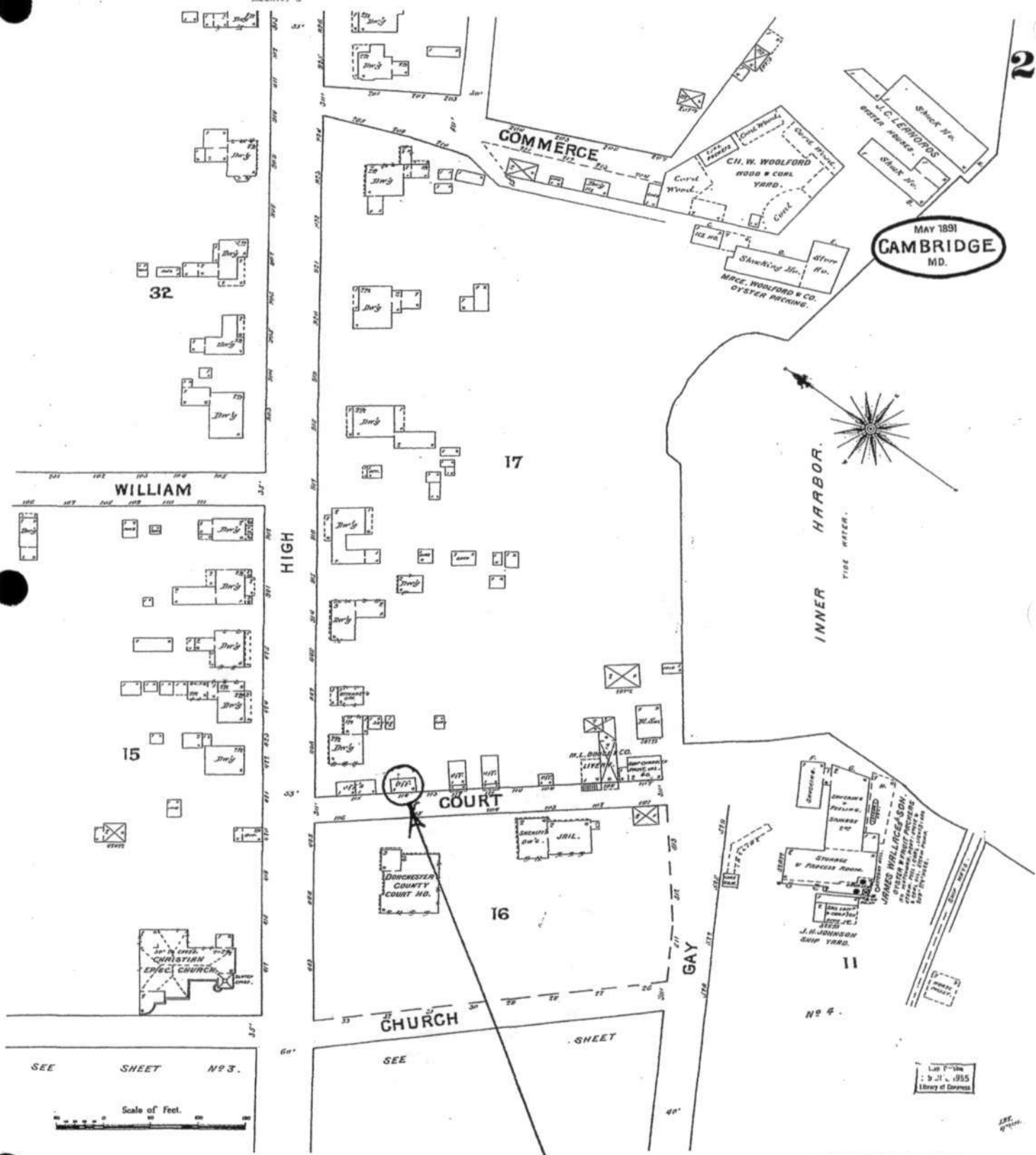
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100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
410-514-7600

CHOPTANK RIVER

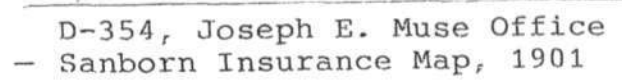


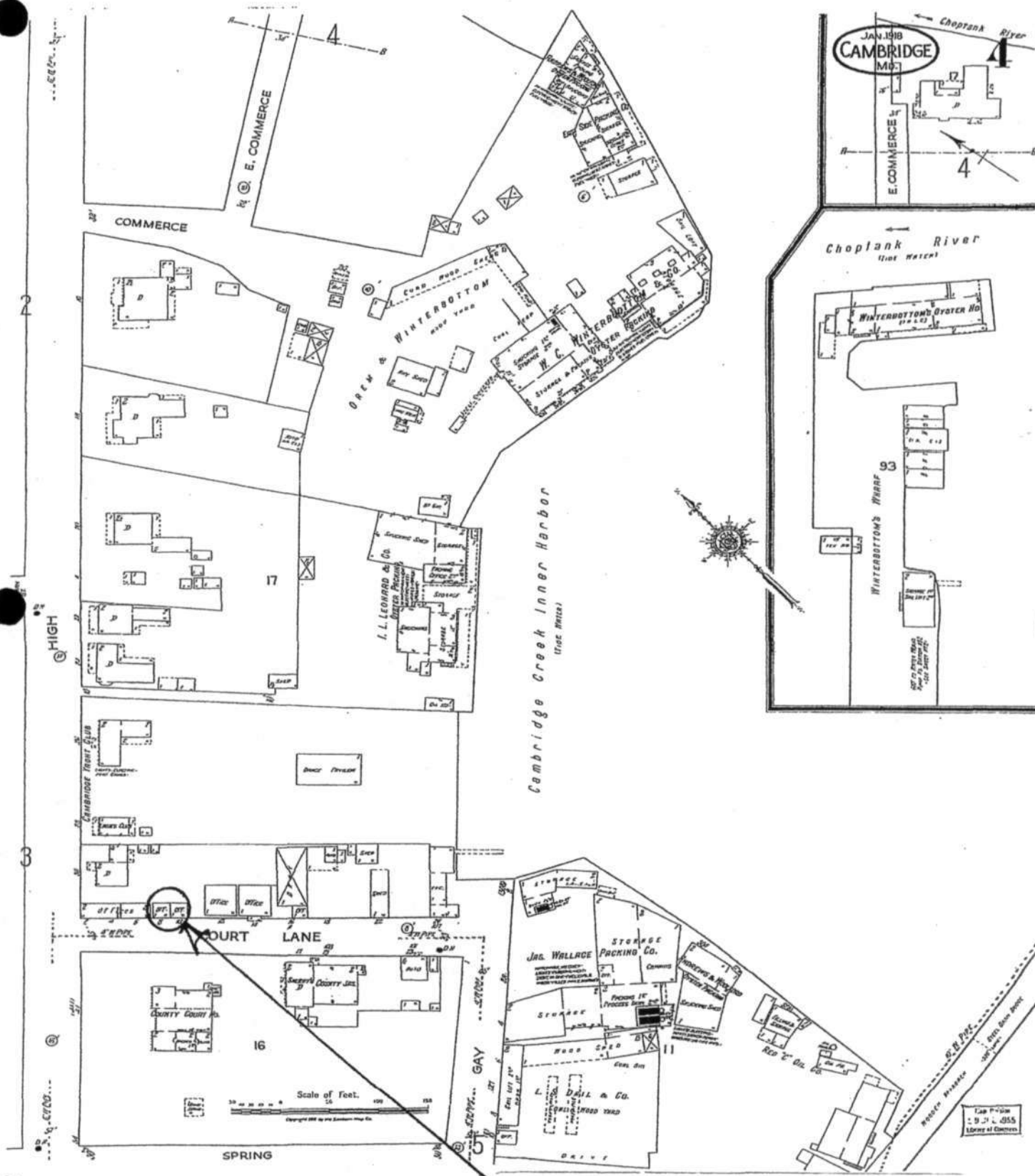


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 511 Court Lane
 1885 Sanborn Insurance Map



D-354, Joseph E. Muse Office
511 Court Lane
1891 Sanborn Insurance Map





D-354, Joseph e. Muse Office
- Sanborn Insurance Map, 1918

TALBOT CO
DORCHESTER CO



D-354, Joseph E. Muse Office
511 Court Lane
Cambridge Quad. 1988



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Isabel E. Muse Office
CAMBRIDGE, DORCHESTER Co., MA.
SOUTHWEST ELEVATION

7/08, Paul Touart, PHOTOGRAPHER
WEL/MA. HISTORICAL TRUST

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

1. NAME				
COMMON:				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
511 Court Lane				
CITY OR TOWN:				
Cambridge				
STATE		COUNTY:		
Maryland		Dorchester		
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____ _____ _____
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME:				
Edna Wheatley Matthews				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:				
STATE:				
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:				
Dorchester County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
206 High Street				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE		
Cambridge		Maryland		21613
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): Liber 171/Folio 146				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY:				
DATE OF SURVEY:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:				
STATE:				

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7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	(Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered
	(Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>This small office building is a one story frame structure with a gable roof. There are seven^{five} bays on the front, although only the three bays to the west are original, dating to sometime in the first half of the 19th century. This section consists of what was once a center door with a window on either side of it. The windows are six over six sash. The door has a triangular pediment above and is flanked by a pilaster on each side. The chimney, originally on the east end of the building, is now near the center, as the two bays to the east were added in 1892. This one room addition consists of another door, which imitates the original, with a pediment and pilasters, and a window. This building is badly in need of paint but could be quite attractive.</p>	

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Pre-Columbian ☐ 16th Century ☐ 18th Century ☐ 20th Century
☐ 15th Century ☐ 17th Century ☒ 19th Century

 SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) Second quarter 19th c., 1892

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|--------------------------------------|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human- | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | itarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

History:

This was part of the land sold by the Commissioners of Cambridge to William Bond Martin, in 1811, for \$165. In December 1819, Judge Martin sold to Dr. Arthur Rich one half of this strip, extending to the back gate of the adjoining property, for \$300. In August 1833, Dr. Rich sold the same property to Hon. Josiah Bayly for \$420. The lower part of this strip of land was sold by Josiah Bayly to his son-in-law Joseph E. Muse, then States Attorney, who built the present office upon it. Dr. Bayly bought this lot and office from Mr. and Mrs. Muse and upon his death in 1891, devised to Edgar Bayly. The office consisted of but one large room until Edgar Bayly added the small room next to the creek in 1892.

Significance:

This building is part of a row of small office buildings on Court Lane which date to the 19th century. The buildings are all compatible in scale, with classical ornamentation, with the exception of 513 which was renovated in the late 19th century. They are significant as some of the earliest surviving commercial structures in Cambridge.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Col. Clement Sullivane, article reprinted in the
Daily Banner, May 7, 1925

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES			
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NE	°	'	"		°	'	"	
SE	°	'	"		°	'	"	
SW	°	'	"		°	'	"	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Catherine L. Moore		DATE 11/30/75
ORGANIZATION		
STREET AND NUMBER: Route 3, Box 32		
CITY OR TOWN: Cambridge	STATE Maryland	

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature

511 Court Lane
Cambridge, Maryland

PLC 171/146

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Joseph E. Muse, Jr. bought this lot in 1842 from his father-in-law Josiah Bayly, and erected this small office shortly thereafter. In 1866 Dr. Alexander Hamilton purchased the office and the property has remained in the hands of his descendants until 1935. The building currently houses the law firm of Emery E. Tamplin, Jr. This office is one of several from the nineteenth century that still survive in the vicinity of the Courthouse.

Sources:

Dorchester County Courthouse, Cambridge, Maryland.

Land Records.

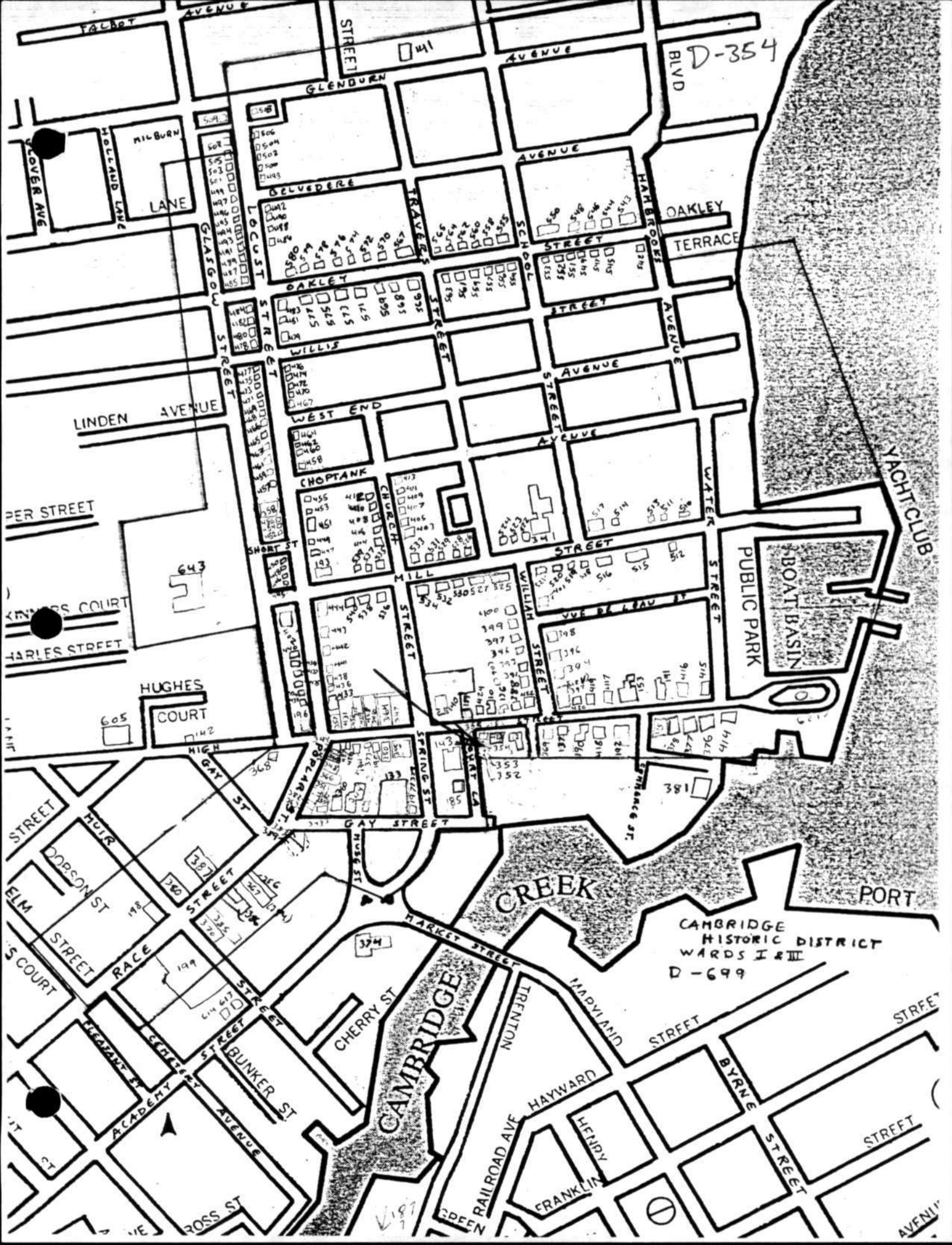
Will Records.

Cambridge Chronicle, September 23, 1843.

Research by:

Terrance P. Walbert

1976



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Office Building
511 Court Lane
Cambridge
Cambridge Quad.
Dorchester Co.



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~~\$29~~ Court Lane

\$11



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511 Court Lane



511 Court Lane, Cambridge, Md. - South Facade - C.L. Moore, 1976

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